The Chronicle and Index

OF THE UNITARIAN SOCIETY, BELFAST.

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THE arrangements for the celebration of the Jubilee continue to go on satisfactorily. The Rev. H. W. Crosskey, F.G.S., as we announced in our last issue, will be the Jubilee Preacher. We are expecting representatives from the British and Foreign Unitarian Association, the Scottish Unitarian Christian Association, the Irish Unitarian Society, the Sunday School Association, London, the Manchester District Sunday School Association, and various other Associations.

There will be a Public Breakfast in the Dining Hall of the new Castle Cafè on Monday, the 25th April, at 9.30 a.m., at which a welcome will be given to all the representatives.

On Tuesday afternoon, the 26th, there will be a Conference in the Lecture Hall of the Second Congregation, at 3 o'clock, at which Papers will be read by Edward Gardner, Esq., LL.B., on "The History of the Unitarian Society;" and by T. M'Clelland. Esq., J.P., on "A Layman's Recollections of Unitarianism in Ulster."

The Annual Meeting and Soiree will take place in the same Hall at 7 o'clock. The Reports for the year will be read, and officers for the ensuing year elected. Addresses will be delivered by the Rev. H. W. Crosskey, F.G.S., and others.

A Sunday School Conference will be held in the same Hall, on Wednesday the 27th, at 3 o'clock. Papers will be read by R. M'Calmont, Esq., on "The History of the Northern Sunday School Association," and by one of the English Representatives. Discussion will be invited on both Papers.

There will be a Children's Meeting the same evening, when the children of the various schools will give "Jessica's First Prayer," with Musical and Lime-Light illustration.

Full particulars respecting these various meetings will be given in a Special Issue of the *Chronicle and Index*, which will be sent to subscribers and friends.

We trust that all who are interested in noting the growth of religious thought and life, and who desire that the teachings of our Churches should be in harmony with God's truth, and the needs of man, will do their best to render these Jubilee Celebrations worthy of the occasion.

We are sorry to note that the affairs of the Domestic Mission to the Poor of Belfast are rapidly becoming a public scandal. The Committee of the Institution appear to be hopelessly divided, and measures are resorted to which cannot be defended. A temporary majority is riding rough-shod over the minority. The tone of the Institution has been greatly lowered during the last year or two, and many of the best and oldest friends feel ashamed of it. If better and wiser counsels do not speedily prevail, there will be another of those painful scandals, which do so much harm to the cause of religion and morality.

It will be seen from an advertisement that there is to be an entertainment. entitled "Jessica's First Prayer," in Mountpottinger Church, on Monday evening, April the 4th. The programme consists of Story, Music, and Song. The Rev. J. J. Wright will read Hesba Stretton's quaint and tender tale of "Little Jessica." Miss Rankin will preside at the piano. The hymns and songs will be sung chiefly by the children, aided by members of the choir and friends from other churches. The whole story will be splendidly illustrated with Lime-Light Views. Some of our readers will remember that a few years ago Robert M'Calmont, Esq., the Superintendent of Mountpottinger School, offered, free of expense, to exhibit in any of our Sunday Schools, various sets of views through his magnificent oxy-hydrogen apparatus. Many of our schools through the north of Ireland eagerly and gratefully availed themselves of Mr. M'Calmont's generous offer, and, by his help, accomplished many good purposes for themselves, such as clearing off a debt, raising a few pounds for the future, always, and, at any rate, obtaining enjoyment from the exhibition. We are glad to see

that the Views illustrative of Jessica's Prayer, at Mountpottinger, on Monday, April 4th, will be shown by means of this same powerful oxy-hydrogen Lamp, by Mr. M'Calmont himself. We note that friends are requested to be in their seats that evening before eight o'clock, as the lights will have to be turned down. The tickets are Sixpence each.

INTELLIGENCE.

The Sunday Evening Lectures of the Rev. J. C. Street, in the Church of the Second Congregation, Belfast, during the past month, have been upon the following subjects :—1. "What Jesus taught about God." 2. "What Jesus taught about Salvation." 3. "What Jesus taught about the kingdom of God." 4. "What Jesus taught about Rewards and Punishments.

The attendance has been large, and the interest fully sustained.

The Sunday Evening Lectures of Mountpottinger during the present season have been exciting a great amount of very healthy interest among the people of the neighbourhood. After the course of lectures in which the Rev. J. J. Wright had aimed to disabuse his hearers' minds of any lingering Satan superstitions, a series of five discourses of a constructive character were taken. These were upon "First Principles." (1) In Action ; (2) In Citizenship ; (3) In Knowledge ; (4) In Thinking ; (5) In Religion. A lecture on Dr. Guthrie was delivered by the Rev. J. A. Kelly of Rademon, and one on George Eliot, and another on Thomas Carlyle, in which Mr. Wright aimed specially to trace that true prophet's psychological biography. A concluding course is now being delivered on the affirmative aspects of our faith. The subjects are—"The God we believe in ;" "The Christ we follow ;" "The Hell we fear ;" "The Heaven we hope for." These are being largely attended.

On Thursday evening, March 3rd, a very pleasant and useful meeting was held at Hopeton Street, Belfast, under the presidency of Mr. E. A. Fuhr, to assist the Band of Hope movement, in connection with the school. Readings were given by Messrs. J. M. Darbishire, J. F. Mulligan, W. R. Stitt, and J. Robb ; and music was provided by the Chairman, and by the Misses Ritchie, Coe, Darbishire, Greenfield, Kinnear, and Stitt. During the evening the Chairman spoke of his deep interest in the important work which was being done at Hopeton Street ; and the Rev. J. C. Street delivered an address on "Bands of Hope, and their influence upon the lives of both young and old." A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings of a very pleasant evening.

The children of Mountpottinger Sunday School have been spending happy times together during the winter months. Their minister instituted a "Children's Night," on the plea that at most churches the adults are usually provided for in "Mutuals," while, the children who need more caring for are, as a rule, forgotten. The children have met every alternate Monday evening. None but children are allowed to attend, except a couple of teachers, with the minister, who are there to assist. A piano has been kept in the Reading Room for this and other entertainment purposes through the winter. The children meet at seven o'clock, and themselves go through a programme of music, singing, readings, duets, and dialogues. This may last three quarters of an hour, when half-an-hour is given to asking questions and answering conundrums, riddles, puzzles, or spelling. The seats are then moved, and the rest of the evening until nine o'clock, given up to games, romps, marches, &c., when the evening closes with a children's hymn and benediction.

At the usual meeting of the Rosemary Street Mutual Improvement Association, held on Monday evening, 28th February, in the Rosemary Street Schools, a paper was read by Mr. David Young on "Immortality." The essayist treated the subject in a manner which displayed deep thought and careful investigation. An interesting discussion on the paper followed.

On the 7th March Mr. Vere Foster gave a reading, entitled "Never Caught," by Hobart Pasha, being an account of the personal experience of the author, who, under the assumed name of Captain Roberts, ran the American blockade several times successfully in the "Don," during the American civil war. The reading was listened to with much interest, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks to Mr. Foster was passed by acclamation.

On March 14th there was a large attendance to hear Mr. Charles Eason of Dublin, deliver

a lecture on "An Emigrant's Experience in Manitoba, Canada." The lecturer narrated his travels from Halifax, N.S. to Manitoba, recounting the many difficulties to be met with, and the hardships he was exposed to on the way. Mr. Eason went on to say, that anyone desirous of going to Manitoba should understand that they would have plenty of hard work to do, such as only those endowed with a strong constitution could withstand, and he would not advise any persons to go out to settle, unless they had capital with them, or friends already there to receive and direct them. At the close a vote of thanks was passed to the lecturer.

A most successful concert was given on Friday evening, March 18th, in the large hall of the Working Men's Institute, in aid of the funds of the Belfast Hospital for Sick Children, Queen Street. The hall was filled to inconvenience with a large and respectable audience. An attractive programme was rendered in a most efficient manner by the members, assisted by a number of friends. The sum of £53 17s. 0d. has been handed over to the Hospital.

On March 21st, a most amusing paper was read by Mr. W. S. M'Kee on "The Female Head, a la mode." The essayist, with a good deal of satire, humorously described the different modes of dressing the hair that have been practised, and the wonderful head-dresses that have been worn by the ladies for ages past. The paper was criticised by a number of speakers.

Census.—Next Sunday night, 3rd April, the Census for the British Isles will be taken. In 1871, in the column headed "Religious Persuasion" in the town of Belfast, there were 1,498 Unitarians, 673 Protestants, 88 Non-subscribing Presbyterians, 9 Christians, 5 Non-sectarians, 5 Independents, 5 Presbyterians, 2 New Testament Disciples, 46,423 Episcopalians, 60,249 Presbyterians, 55,575 Roman Catholics, 6,775 Methodists, &c., &c., &c. It will be interesting to note the change in each of the above.

BOOK NOTICES.

"*The Life of Jesus*," for Young Disciples, by J. P. Hopps.

Among the signs of the times are the many "Lives of Christ" we have received during the last dozen years. But the majority of these books about Jesus, whether critical, expository, philosophical, or imaginatively pictorial, are not only, as a rule, written for older readers, but are bulky amplifications of those few facts concerning Christ's life and work, which we find in the Gospels. We want now, if we may use the phrases, not so much *extensity* as we want *intensity* in a book concerning Him. The *circumstances*, the things that stood round Him, have been made wonderfully clear to us by many writers. We want now to get, if possible, at those spiritual "*stances*," the things that stood in Him. And this especially do we need for the hearts of our young disciples. Mr. Hopps has provided the very best book of this character we have yet met with. In simple, vivid, chaste, yet glowing words, he has told, in some fifty pages, the sweet old story in such a way as to reach the mind and touch the soul of the youngest reader. We are not surprised to see this little book in the fifth edition. It is richly bound. We cannot too highly commend it either as a home-book or class-book. The spirit of the book may be caught in these closing words of the preface: "I pray to the God of Jesus that this little book may help those (the children) whom Jesus would have loved, to know something of One whose spirit is a safeguard against sin, and whose teachings are still the hope of the world.

This book may be had at 33 Donegall Street, Depository. Price 1s.

"*The Faith of Reason*," by J. W. Chadwick.

Among the liberal preachers of America Mr. Chadwick stands in the front ranks. His "Bible of to-day," noticed in these columns lately, will be known by some of our readers. He is also the author of many beautiful poems. Of the articles which appear in the "Christian Register" (American) there are none more thoughtful, fresh, scholarly, vigorous, and charming than those from the pen of Mr. Chadwick. In this book we have a series of discourses on the leading topics of religion. The subjects treated are "Agnostic Religion;" "The Nature of Religion;" "God;" "Immortality;" "Prayer;" "Morals." These are all dealt with in the fearless and reverent spirit of a man who has such faith in the true and the good, that he dare grapple with any difficulties which reason may present. Addressing his readers on page 21 he

says: "It may be that I have read too exclusively the most iconoclastic writers who have challenged my beliefs. If it has been so you may at least congratulate yourselves that the opinions I have presented to you have not been drifted to my feet by any tide of mere conventionality, but have been plucked out of the teeth of danger, and fought for upon many a painfully contested field." To the earnest and thoughtful we can commend this book.

Sold at 33 Donegall Street Depository at 4/2.

"*What must I do to be Saved?*" by Christopher J. Street, M.A., Unitarian Society, Belfast.

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It may be had at the Depository for One Penny, and on cheaper terms for distribution as a tract.

"*Transylvanian Recollections,*" by Andrew Chalmers. Smart & Son, London.

We are glad to see Mr. Chalmers' most interesting papers on Transylvania. He is a good observer and a thoughtful student. His own personality is felt through every chapter, but he does not thrust himself into unpleasant prominence. Evidently the theme was all-absorbing, and he seems to have entered into full sympathy with the people among whom he travelled. His little book throws a flood of light upon the life, thoughts, and aspirations of one of the most interesting and least known people of Europe. We commend the book to our readers.

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